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AN ANAGRAMICAL and NOMINAL ENCOMIUM humbly inscribed to MY LORD PROVOST, MAGISTRATES and COUNCIL with an EPITHALAMIUM to be sung upon EDINAS MARRIAGE, by their oldest Servant now alive for the new year 1771.

I.

MOST happy are these noble names,
Where, mercy comes in justice arms,
As we see in their annagrams,
See here below*.
So unto us in gratious terms,
Pardon does ~~flow~~.

II.

The angelick Car or chariot,
Of flaming fire Michal has got,
Destruction swift doth ill denote,
To wicked all,
Safety to good and them promote,
Carmichal call,

III.

The Hebrew carpenter or wright,
Which into Egypt took his flight,
Bore in his arms more worth and weight,
Than Heaven and Earth,
Bles't is the man by faith has right,
Unto this birth.

* JAMES SREWART, a just master. JOHN DALRYMPLE he'll pardon all my ill.

IV.

FERGUS the firſt of Scotland's Kings,
Whoſe Sons diſſolv'd the pictiſh reigns,
Amongſt his Sons their ſtill remains,
Some valiant one,
Whom we may honour for their names,
Brave Fergusſon.

V.

Gray hairs in truth are venerable,
Virtue in youth is profitable,
With divine bleſſing honourable,
And ſo will prove,
Means to adorn a council table,
In peace and love.

VI.

A ſtout heart ſet to a ſtay brae,
Old craſie houſes let them gae,
To build new ones for more ſafetie,
To one and all,
Leaſt miſchief come to friend or fae,
By their down fall.

VII.

A faithful and a carefull Greive,
Our finances for to receive,
And frugally the ſame out give,
With œconomy,
And north bridge finiſh while we live,
With half the mony.

VIII.

And an Armſtrong kind providence,
Will ſend with brethren that from thence,
Strong and firm work may ſo commence,
Thro' ages all,
To ſtand by divine ſure defence,
And never fall.

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IX.

The merchant and mechanic ſtate,
Still join in one to make all great,
Let nothing e're them ſeparate,
Their trades extend,
Their handy works to circulate,
To the world's end.

X.

To Edinburgh proſperity,
While ſhines the ſun through the blew ſky,
Who loves her intereſt more than I,
Hath double honour.
Th' old bleſs increaſs and multiply,
Reſt ſtill upon'er.

EPITHALAMIUM

I.

Edina the lovely the flour of the plain,
Was loved by Joda loved Joda again,
No time Interveening their loving withdrew,
The longer they lived.
The longer they lived.
The kinder they grew.

II.

A paſſion ſo happy allarmed all the plain,
Some envyed the nymph but more envyed the Swain,
Some ſaid t'were a pity their loves to inwade,
That they for each other.
That they for each other.
Each other were made.

III.

Their corn riggs they joined and their ſporting Lambs,
Skipping on their trotters dancing round their dams,
In ſhort all agreed that none ever knew,
A nymph half ſo pretty.
A nymph half ſo pretty.
Or ſheepherd ſo true.

IV

Halbert of Reſtelrig in the days of old,
Refuſ'd Edina's love, brought ills many fold,
For bid it to repeat but let love prevail,
The fam'ly compact keep.
The fam'ly compact keep.
Ratify and ſeal.

V.

So may the City joy, and the Country round,
To mayoreſs and the mayor honour ſhall abound,
And all the nymphs and ſwains that be us among,
Shall raiſe their voice to ſing.
Shall raiſe their voice to ſing.
The ſweet nuptial ſong.

VI.

The old Town and the new inveet them to dwell,
Where all good things abound, more than I can tell,
and all the nymphs and ſwains ſhall their notes extend,
To Ela hight and with.
To Ela hight and with.
Sweet diopaſan end.

FINIS.